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## BULGARIA WILL STRONGLY OPPOSE POPE'S PROPOSAL

**It Will Vehemently Contend for Retention of All Occupied Enemy Territory.**

### AUSTRIA FOR ACCEPTANCE

**Berlin Expected to Delay Reply While Central Powers Try to Reconcile Views.**

**COPENHAGEN.** Aug. 18.—The German Foreign Office is not ready to announce the Government's stand on the Pope's peace proposals, and an answer probably will be delayed considerably while the four central Powers are endeavoring to reconcile somewhat divergent views and interests regarding peace.

A cordial article in the Cologne Gazette perhaps presages the German point of view by declaring it is the duty of all Governments to support any effort at honorable mediation, and pointing out that the Pope's action in line with previous efforts of Germany.

It is evident that Austria-Hungary will throw its full weight in favor of an affirmative answer to the Pope's welcome proposal just as Bulgaria, which recently has been manifesting extreme sensitiveness upon Austro-German discussion of the future of Macedonia, will flatly and vehemently oppose any acceptance of the return of occupied areas. The note, which was sent direct to the Emperor by the Pope, was published in the morning papers.

While the Germania, as befits its representative Catholic character, is decidedly optimistic regarding the prospects for tangible results, most papers are rather skeptical as to the chances that it will lead to anything in the immediate future. At least the pan-German papers insist that peace on the proposed basis is utterly impossible. The Berlin *Tat-Zeitung* in its columns says the evacuation of Belgium and all occupied regions of France is impossible, because independent Belgium henceforth would be an irreconcilable enemy of Germany, and that Belgium must be subordinated to the security of Germany's frontiers.

Even the plan of the former German Chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, for a Polish protectorate, is rejected because the Poles have shown themselves to be "ungrateful for favors granted them."

**Berne Hears Berlin Has Promised to Support Peace Proposal.**

**ROME.** Aug. 16 (delayed).—The peace proposals of Pope Benedict, according to the Berne correspondent of the Idea News, are assured of the support of neutral Governments, including Switzerland. The Berlin chancellor, the report adds, has assured the Pontiff it will give moral adhesion to the proposals while Vienna has declared that it is ready to initiate negotiations.

The allied Governments, it is declared, are maintaining an attitude of reserve toward the proposals.

**Reichstag Main Committee Will Discuss Pope's Peace Proposal.**

**LONDON.** Aug. 18.—Pope Benedict's peace proposals and the general political situation will be discussed at the main committee of the German Reichstag when it is convened Aug. 21, according to a Berlin dispatch transmitted through Copenhagen to the Exchange Telegraph Co.

The allied Governments will discuss jointly the peace proposals of Pope Benedict and a reply will be issued in due course, Lord Robert Cecil told the Associated Press last night.

**Holland Maintains Strict Reserve Regarding Peace Note.**

**ROME,** Aug. 18.—Reports received from Holland maintain the strictest reserve concerning the Pope's peace note. It is supposed that hopes are entertained in Holland that both groups of belligerents will eventually turn the Queen of the Netherlands to act as intermediary, thus making it advisable to remain aloof of any attempt to bring about peace which is destined to fail if undesired by both sides.

**DANGER OF BIG RAILROAD STRIKE OF ENGLISH ENGINEERS**

**LONDON.** Aug. 18.—There is considerable danger of an immediate strike involving about half the engineers and firemen employed on British railroads, the main point at issue being the recognition of the principle of an eight-hour day, although the demand does not necessarily include making the principle effective during the war.

The men concerned number about 40,000, and belong to the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen. This union is distinct from the much larger national union of railway men, which is not involved. The trouble has been brewing for some time.

### 14-YEAR-OLD E. ST. LOUIS BOY ARRESTED ON RIOTING CHARGE

**Three More Men Also Taken by Police for Alleged Complicity in Massacre of Negroes.**

Three more men and 14-year-old boy were arrested on grand jury capias today in East St. Louis for alleged complicity in the massacre of negroes in East St. Louis early in July.

Leo Hart, 14 years old, son of Samuel Hart, 314 Bond avenue, employed as an office boy, is charged with conspiracy and rioting. The men were Ralph Head Jr., 24, 2506 State street, a painter, charged with conspiracy and rioting; Calvin C. Beener, Twentieth street and Trendley avenue, arson; Emmett Krisanic, Rosemont, conspiracy, rioting and assault to kill.

This makes the total 43 arrests. About 50 other indicted persons are being sought.

### PLAN TO 'WAFT' COAL TOWS ON THE OHIO BY ARTIFICIAL TIDES

**Flooding by Lowering Dam Wickets Would Give All-Year Traffic; Packet Men Object.**

**MARIETTA,** Aug. 18.—A systematic flooding of the lower Ohio from Point Pleasant to Cincinnati, so that coal from the Kanawha River may be transported to lower Ohio markets at all seasons, will be worked out by Government engineers.

By lowering wickets of dams in the Ohio and Kanawha rivers, "waves" of from 30 to 60 miles in length will be formed, on the crest of which coal fleets from the Kanawha can ride safely into Cincinnati and lower river points.

**WHEELING,** W. Va., Aug. 18.—"Wafting" of tons of coal on artificially produced "tides" between lower river points is looked on with disfavor by owners of packetts plying between upper Ohio River points, it is learned here. With letting out of waters impounded by dams below Wheeling to produce the "tides," river men here fear the stage of the river at upper points would be lowered so as to seriously interfere with freight transportation.

### RECORD PRICE OF \$14.20 PAID FOR CATTLE IN EAST ST. LOUIS

**Hogs Also Reach New High Mark at National Stockyards, Selling for \$18.85.**

Record high prices for both cattle and hogs were made at the National Stockyards in East St. Louis yesterday, the first time such a thing ever occurred there. The rise in hogs has been steady, but the jump in cattle prices was more unexpected.

Seventeen head of Hereford steers, averaging 1421 pounds each, were sold by Hamm & Harrison, commission firm, for \$14.20 per hundred pounds, which is 45 cents more than was ever paid at the yards before.

The cattle raised were by Filigree Brothers, of Green County, Ill., and were prime animals. The shipment total for yesterday was \$3430.

Hogs also reached a high mark of \$18.85 the hundred weight. Stockmen explain the high prices as being due to the fact stock raisers have sold their stock to keep from buying feeding through the winter.

### RADIO OPERATORS NEEDED

**A shortage of approximately 2000 operators will exist in the radio (wireless) telegraphy division of the United States navy by July 1, 1918, unless commercial operators and amateur wireless telegraphers join the colors, according to statistics given out at the navy recruiting station in St. Louis yesterday.**

Officials attached to the recruiting office have received instructions from the Navy Department in Washington to make every effort to enroll amateur radio operators and commercial men in the United States Naval Reserve Force, for active duty immediately upon the completion of their course at one of the radio schools.

### CIVIC LEAGUE CONDEMNS UNITED RAILWAYS' SCHEME

**Quotes Franchise Authority in Opposition to Second Ordinance Proposed by the Company.**

A special committee of the Civic League, appointed to consider and report on the two United Railway mill tax settlement and franchise extension ordinances, has completed its report on the second ordinance.

It is understood that the committee will advise the rejection of the second ordinance for some of the reasons pointed out in the first report, and particularly because the city proposes to accept a valuation of \$60,000,000 for the United Railways properties without having made any investigation to determine whether the properties are worth this sum. The committee takes the view that the issues in the controversy could be readily settled without involving the city in 50-year contracts.

The league today gave out an analysis of the two ordinances by Mr. F. Wilcox of New York, a franchise expert formerly connected with the New York State Public Utilities Commission. Wilcox points out many defects in the proposed ordinances, particularly those relating to extensions, valuation of the properties, maintenance of the properties, and the authority of the city to examine the accounts of the company.

### NO GERARD STORY TOMORROW.

**15 British Chaplains Killed in War.**

**LONDON,** Aug. 18.—Fifteen chaplains have been killed in France during the war, seven have died of wounds and five have died of disease, it is announced.

### ASSOCIATES WANT EXEMPTION FOR AUGUSTE CHOUTEAU

**They Declare He Is Needed Here as Financial Sponsor for Several Firms.**

### HE IS READY TO FIGHT

**Concerns Doing Business on Limited Capital Need Him to Indorse Paper.**

### Auguste Chouteau of 4943 Maryland place, member of one of the original St. Louis families, has been accepted for the national army, makes no exemption claim and is willing to fight, but his business associates are trying to have him exempted on the ground that they need him in their business.

Chouteau is chief financial sponsor for half a dozen enterprises which do business on limited capital and extensive credits, for which the endorsement of Chouteau are declared to be necessary and without which they cannot continue.

### Claim of Associates.

Associates presented him to claim exemption on some ground, but he refused. They presented affidavits to file in his behalf asking exemption for him on business grounds. They had to ask him for his number and when he found what they were up to he at first protested, but yielded to their entreaties and consented for them to go ahead.

So yesterday they filed their affidavits, urging that Chouteau be left at home to keep their enterprises going.

A. Turner, president of the Bittel-Leftright Tire Service Co. of Springfield, Ill., swears that his company does a business of \$200,000 annually, and has credit to the amount of \$20,000, due to the security of Chouteau. Arthur Fitchell, president of the Miller Tire Service Co.; D. O. Leftright, president of the Motor Truck Sales Co.; C. G. Bittel, president of Bittel-Leftright Tire Service Co., and George J. Breaker, attorney for the D. C. L. Tire Co., make similar representations.

B. J. Leftright, president of the Jefferson-Gravels Trust Co., says there will be an upheaval in several St. Louis business houses if the District Board does not exempt Chouteau.

### Leftright's Explanation.

"Suppose," Leftright explained to a Post-Dispatch reporter today, "that a company is working on a limited capital and is dependent upon one man's endorsements for the renewal of its credits. If he is taken away there is nobody to indorse the paper and the company's credit will be destroyed. That is the situation in our companies. We are dependent upon Chouteau's indorsements on our paper for the renewal of credit every 90 days. If he is somewhere in France he cannot indorse the paper and the banks will want their money."

"We are asking that he be exempted because he is necessary to the continuance of our business, which employs about 125 people. If there is any such thing as business exemption he should be exempted. He won't claim exemption for himself. He is willing to go. He would go in five minutes. He is that kind of man. He was sore at first when he found out what we were doing, but we persuaded him to let us go ahead."

### ILLINOIS DOME BUILDING BURNS

**Guard Records in State Fair Structure are Saved by Soldiers.**

**SPRINGFIELD,** Ill., Aug. 18.—Fire said to have been caused by defective wiring last night destroyed the Dome Building at the State fairgrounds, valued at \$150,000. Records of the Illinois National Guard, kept in the office of Col. Daniel Devore, chief mustering officer for Illinois, and other military properties were saved by soldiers.

The dome, which was part of the horticultural building at the world's fair at Chicago in 1893, was purchased by the state for \$100,000 and brought here.

Sergeant Dawson of the State Fair Board said to replace the building would cost \$225,000. The copper on the dome, he said would be worth \$43,000. The building was insured for \$20,000.

### FAIR TONIGHT AND TOMORROW; TEMPERATURE ABOUT THE SAME

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## P.C. SCOTT ENDED LIFE AFTER PHONING WIFE OF INTENTION

Father and Cousin in Adjoining Room When He Fired Shot Into His Head.

### RECENTLY WAS DIVORCED

Dr. Niedringhaus Found Him Near Forest Park Entrance, and Took Him to Office.

Pierre Chouteau Scott, secretary of the Keller-Tamm Manufacturing Co., killed himself at 9:30 o'clock last night at the office of Dr. Ralph L. Niedringhaus, 2114 Railway Exchange Building, after telephoning his intention to his divorced wife Mrs. Adele K. Scott of 53 Vandeventer place. Worry over the divorce obtained by her a month ago is the attributed cause. Dr. Niedringhaus told the police that Scott was derailed.

Scott's father, Thomas J. Scott of 4337 Maryland avenue, summoned by Dr. Niedringhaus and his cousin, Henry K. Lackland, were in an adjoining room when Scott shot himself in the right temple. Death was almost instantaneous.

Scott, according to Lackland, called up Mrs. Scott at 6:45 o'clock from the Buckingham and told her he was going to end his life. She tried to dissuade him, but he persisted in the threat and hung up. Mrs. Scott went to the Lackland home and told Lackland. He went to the Buckingham, but Scott was not there. He was told that Scott had gone out with Dr. Niedringhaus.

### Found Him in Forest Park

In the meantime Mrs. Scott had called Dr. Niedringhaus and he was dining with her, discussing Scott's condition, when the latter called up and told Niedringhaus he was going to kill himself within three minutes. Dr. Niedringhaus, ascertaining that Scott was at the Buckingham, told him to wait and they would talk it over. He motored there and found Scott sitting in front of the hotel. He persuaded Scott to take a ride with him and later took him to his office.

On the ride and later at Niedringhaus' office the doctor tried to dissuade Scott, but was unsuccessful and he finally called Scott's father to his office. The doctor was talking to the elder Scott and Lackland in the elevator when Scott shot himself in the operating room.

### Had Sought Reconciliation.

Lackland says they thought Scott had a revolver but that in his excitement they could not search him and were starting after the police when the shot was fired.

Dr. Niedringhaus said he previously had searched Scott's pockets but had been unable to find a revolver. Arriving at the office, Scott complained of feeling ill and laid down on a settle in the consultation room and late went to sleep. Dr. Niedringhaus, in an office, attended a patient who had called and then called up Scott's father and Henry K. Lackland of 53 Vandeventer place for the purpose of obtaining their permission to place Scott in a hospital until his nervous state was improved. He also called up several hospitals, he said, to see if proper arrangements could be made to care for Scott.

Scott's father and Lackland arrived about 8:35, and while the three men were conversing in the hall, they heard a pistol shot and entered the consultation room to find Scott with a bullet wound in the temple. In Scott's pocket was a note requesting that Mrs. Scott be notified. Scott had an interview with his former wife a week ago and is said to have sought a reconciliation. Mrs. Scott, it is said, remained him sadly that he had brought all his troubles upon himself. Scott's father, who arranged the interview, says that only business matters were discussed.

For the past year Scott had been working nights in the West End cafes circuit and at country resorts with a former checkroom girl who was employed at Cicardi's, at Walsh's Basement Cafe and at Gonelle's restaurant.

The girl is about 20 years old, petite and of striking appearance. After Scott took her up she quit her job and they were seen nightly at the same West End cafes where formerly she took the hats and wraps of the guests. Because of his conduct, many of his friends dropped him. The girl is said to have been the cause of the separation and divorce.

The girl was with a gay party at the Capri inn last night when the news was received that Scott had killed himself.

Chouteau Scott, who was 41, is the grandson of the late Rufus Lackland, and was named for his father's life long friend, the late Pierre Chouteau. He served with Battery A in Portia Rica during the Spanish-American War, and tried to get into the battery for service at the beginning of the present war. He is a brother of the late Mrs. George W. Winfield and Mrs. Maza Scott Wood, who is at Old Sweet Springs, Va.

**Shipbuilding Company's Profit.**  
WILBURTON, O., Aug. 18.—Norris Paxton, a Cherokee Indian, charged with being a deserter from the United States army, was shot and killed yesterday. He headed by Sheriff John Riddell near Tallahassee yesterday. Paxton had defied the authorities, they said, sending word he would never be taken alive.

## Pierre Chouteau Scott and His Family



## 106 CLAIMS AND APPEALS MADE TO DISTRICT BOARD

### Exemption Body Passing on Cases of Occupational Grounds.

The District Exemption Board at noon today had received 106 claims for exemptions on occupational grounds and appeals on claims for exemption which had not been allowed by the local boards. The board passed on five occupational claims, granting conditional exemptions to three claimants, rejecting the plea of one and setting aside a decision made day before yesterday.

### Six Months Exemption.

The claim of Walter W. Burrell of 4335 Maryland avenue that he was indispensable to the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad, which was denied day before yesterday, was set aside and Burrell was granted exemption for six months on the filing of claims by the assistant general counsel of the road.

Burrell, 41, has been trained in the handling of men and that it would take six months to train a man to take his place.

Joseph M. Lang, who claimed that he was needed on his father's farm at Valley Park was denied exemption. His father is 55 years old.

William H. Niederleuker, superintendent in the bayonet department of Brauer Bros., Fourteenth and Pine streets was granted exemption for three months.

The Wagner Electric Co., which has 488 employees of draft age, has made application with the District Draft Board for the exemption of only six of the 56 men who have passed the physical examinations and have been accepted by the examining boards. The company has many big war contracts, on which it is operating or day and night.

The employees for whom the company has applied for exemptions are: Fred W. Baranowski, Clayton, inspector; David G. Jones, Clayton machinist; John Zeitmar, 2552 Russell avenue, machinist; John F. Hughes, Wellston, machinist; Alfred Allen, 4728A Morgan street, machinist; Charles W. Ingram, 3625 Delmar avenue, tool maker.

The applications for exemptions were signed by Walter Robbins, vice-president of the company, who stated that the service of the men were indispensable to the business of the company.

The ward exemption boards have received from Washington application blanks for the use of accepted men who wish to eat and sleep at home during the period that they are under the orders of the local boards. Those who make these applications are required to give their residences and telephone numbers and to sign a pledge that they will not be more than four hours journey from the offices of the local boards.

Before being sent to the training camps the future members of the national army will be notified as to what they may take to the camps with them. They will be told that they do not need bedding or change of clothing, but may take soap, shaving accessories, comb, brush, toothbrush and powder, towels, underclothing and socks. In addition the men may take collars and shirts but they are notified that they will have no use for them when they reach the training camps. No trunks may be taken, and all articles must be carried in a hand bag.

Examinations are being held today in the Fourth, Nineteenth and Twenty-sixth wards. All the other wards besides the exception of the Twenty-eighth and three others which have finished their quotas have issued calls for additional men to be examined next week.

**Textile Strike in Saxony Seems Near.**

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 18.—Textile workers in Saxony are highly excited over wage and food conditions and a general strike is threatened.

## MAN SHOOTS AND KILLS WIFE, THEN TAKES OWN LIFE

### Mrs. Henry Hain, 24 Years Old, Slain at Home of Her Mother.

Henry Hain, 36 years old, shot and killed his wife, Mrs. Bessie Hain, 24 years old, at 10:15 o'clock today at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lulu Bounds, 4531A North Market street, with whom she and her three children had been living since her recent separation from her husband. Hain then killed himself.

Mrs. Bounds had gone shopping and Mrs. Hain's children, Avel, 6 years old, Fred, 8, and Burchard, 4, were at play when Hain called to see his wife. Neighbors heard three shots and on entering the flat found Hain and his wife dead on the parlor floor. Hain held a revolver in his hand.

The police were called and the neighbors took charge of the children while awaiting the return of Mrs. Bounds.

Hain formerly was employed as a butler by the St. Louis Dairy Co., but had been out of work for the past month. Neighbors said he had quarreled frequently with his wife and that she had left him several times.

### GERMANS REPULSED IN FLANDERS

Continued From Page One.

In our favor, thanks to the bravery of all arms and thanks to the never-failing attacking strength of our German infantry. Yesterday morning, after hours of gunfire, the flower of the English army, accompanied by the French forces on the northern wing, burst forward deeply echeloned to the attack.

"On front of 30 kilometers from the Yser Canal to the River Lys, the battle raged throughout the day. Our advanced positions on the Yser Canal near Driegrafchen were overrun.

"The enemy occupied ground before the battle position at Martevlaart, north and east of Bixschoote, which was yielded step by step to our protecting troops.

"The English penetrated our lines near Langemarck and by means of reinforcement pushed forward to our rear echelons were thrown back. By evening, after heavy fighting, thousands of men were captured or killed.

"The Germans repulsed the English at Marlbrough at night, digging up 150 hills and sorting the potatoes until they obtained sufficient of uniform size. Another farmer saw the automobile leaving that district and said it was so full of potatoes that they were dropping out the windows when the vehicle hit rocks in the road.

"Other farmers have been robbed of their crops by the wagon load and therefore, the word has gone out to keep a sharp watch day and night.

### Rumanian Official.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—An official statement from the Foreign War Office dated Aug. 16, reads:

"In Sibiu and between the Moldavia and the Trotus there were no important actions. All enemy attempts to approach Russian trenches were stopped by artillery and machine gun fire.

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## LAWYER HELD FOR ALLEGED OFFER TO FIGHT THE DRAFT

### Circular Letters Said Attorney Would Accept a Few Cases at \$15 Each.

### DENIES SENDING THEM

### Attorney Asserts He Did Not Mail Notices Said to Violate the Conscription Law.

G. C. Dalton, an attorney of Salem, Mo., was arrested at Salem, Mo., today by Deputy United States Marshal Kennedy of St. Louis on the charge of having violated Section 8 of the Conscription Act in attempting to help drafted persons to evade service.

A few days ago six letters signed with Dalton's name, which had been received by drafted men at Salem, were turned over to District Attorney Oliver.

The letters suggested that the recipients would need guidance and direction

in seeking exemption and offered the writer's guidance and direction in evading the draft, for which he agreed to accept \$15. The letters were said to have been sent broadcast through the Salem section.

The District Attorney sent one of the letters to the Attorney-General of the United States, and was instructed to investigate and arrest and prosecute the sender. An investigator was sent to Salem. It was on the receipt of his report that the arrest was ordered.

### Denies Mailing Letters.

Dalton, when questioned over the long-distance telephone by a Post-Dispatch reporter, denied sending his letters and declared that he knew nothing about them.

The letter is as follows:

"YOUR NAME HAS BEEN DRAWN IN THE DRAFT FOR WAR!"

"This is possibly the first notice you have received informing you of the fact that you were one of the unlucky ones whose names were drawn in the Great Lottery held in Washington, D. C., to determine who will be in the first army of men which the United States Government will send against the army of the Imperial German Government in Europe. If you have not already received official notice of this fact you will, doubtless, receive it today."

### "Master Man May Fail."

"This means that you have any hope of escaping from Army Service you must be out of work for the duration of the war at ONCE and present your claims for exemption. There is a great deal of 'red tape' about prosecuting your claim for exemption and 'ONE MISSTEP MAY MEAN YOUR FAILURE' to successfully avoid that which might be easily avoidable under the proper guidance and direction.

"I am in a peculiarly favored position to be of great service to you in this, your hour of anxiety and suspense; and in fact, by reason of my close study of this particular work (a study which I feel safe in assuring you has not been duplicated or even nearly approached by any other man in this country) my services will prove to be almost indispensable to those who see fit to retain me to guide them and advise them and work for them through the mystifying maze of technicalities which will confront all who appear before the Board as you have been called to appear. I cannot guarantee to obtain complete exemption for anyone, but I do guarantee that if YOU employ me and will obtain exemption, believe it will not be by reason of anything being left undone which could have been done. There are a great number of blanks to be filled out—questions to be answered—affidavits to make—substantiating evidence to be obtained—and in fact, there is so much to be done that you are almost sure to be obliged to employ counsel before you get through if you expect to do all that you can for yourself and thereby do justice to those who need you at home.

"Thieves traveling in an expensive limousine made a successful raid on Henry Coutant's field at Marlborough at night, digging up 150 hills and sorting the potatoes until they obtained sufficient of uniform size. Another farmer saw the automobile leaving that district and said it was so full of potatoes that they were dropping out the windows when the vehicle hit rocks in the road.

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### PRESIDENT SAYS MEN WITH FAMILIES SHOULD BE EXEMPT

Writes to Senator Weeks He Again Will Call War Department's Attention to Point.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—In reply to Senator Weeks he again

will call the War Department's

Attention to Point.

Yours Truly,

"G. C. DALTON."

### ESKIMO ACCUSED OF MURDER

One of Two Men on Trial for Killing Two Priests.

EDMONTON, Alberta, Aug. 18.—Sinnisik, one of the two Eskimos from the Bloody Falls country on the shores of the Arctic Ocean, on trial here for the murder of Father Rouvier and Father Leroux, was acquitted yesterday of the specific charge of murdering Father Rouvier.

Referring to a suggestion by the Senator that men with families, except those who have married to escape draft, should be exempted, the President said he had reason to believe the point was "very much in the mind at any rate of most of the drafting boards," but he would take pleasure in calling the attention of the War Department to it again.

Good loans on real estate can be arranged through the Post-Dispatch Real Estate Loan Wants.

## BRITISH BARRAGE IS A STEEL SHIELD TO THE INFANTRY

### Shell Curtain Advances Ahead of Men at Langemarck With the Precision of Clockwork.

All our guns broke out with such a hurricane of fire that I was stunned with the effect.

"The barrage moved forward with such accuracy that our infantry was able to keep quite close to it without danger, for there was no wavering of the barrage line. Straight on over Langemarck and the surrounding region passed the barrage, with the infantry trailing. It was not more than 30 minutes from the start before we were in the town itself. It was 8 o'clock when our gunfire finally rested on German positions far to the rear and there they continued to hammer away while the fighting went on about Langemarck.

"There is absolutely no doubt of the tremendous superiority of our artillery work and the preponderance of our gunners. The German custom is growing in France to such proportions that it is said some canny politicians have as many as 50 marraines, and it is notorious that groups of men get together in the trenches and model their letters after a common form dictated by the letter writer of the company.

"The custom of each soldier having a sort of godmother who writes to him and sends him little gifts has obtained no foothold in the British army, nor in the American army, for that matter, although Gen. Pershing has received scores of letters from those who would be marraines for him and his soldiers. The custom is growing in France to such proportions that it is said some canny politicians have as many as 50 marraines, and it is notorious that groups of men get together in the trenches and model their letters after a common form dictated by the letter writer of the company.

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# GERARD TELLS HOW HE WAS TREATED WHEN BREAK CAME

**Gives Inside Story of the Ridiculous Measures That German Foreign Office Took in Efforts to Force Him to Approve Absurd Treaty and Which Ceased Only When He Told Them He Would "Stay in Berlin Till Hell Freezes Over Before I Will Sign It"**

*This is the fourteenth installment of "My Four Years in Germany," in which the American diplomat records his experiences at the Court of Berlin.*

BY JAMES W. GERARD

American Ambassador to the German Imperial Court, July 28, 1913, to February 4, 1917.

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NOT only had I cabled the information collected by Commander Gherardi as to the orders given to submarines long before the date of the President's speech, but on the night after I had received the German note announcing this resumption I was taking a walk after dinner about the snow-covered streets of Berlin. In the course of this walk I met a young German woman of my acquaintance who was on intimate terms with the Crown Princess. She was on her way on foot from the opera house, where she had been with the Crown Princess, to the underground station, for by this time, of course, taxis had become an unknown luxury in Berlin, and I joined her.

I told her of the ultimatum which I had received at 6 o'clock that evening from Zimmermann and that I was sure it meant the breaking of diplomatic relations and our departure from Germany.

She expressed great surprise that submarine warfare was set to commence on the 31st of January, saying that weeks before they had been talking over the matter at the Crown Princess' and that she had heard then that orders had been given to commence on the 15th.

At any event, it is certain that the orders to the submarine commanders had been given long prior to the 31st and probably as early as the 15th.

I sincerely believe that the only object of the Germans in making these peace offers was first to get the allies, if possible, into a conference, and there to detach some or one of them by the offer of separate terms; or, if this scheme failed, then it was believed that the general offer and talk about peace would create a sentiment so favorable to the Germans that orders had been given to commence on the 15th.

Zimmermann Surprised.

The next day I went over to see Zimmermann, having this morning received the official dispatch from Washington, and told him that I had come to demand my passports.

Of course, Zimmermann by that time had received the news and had time to compose himself. The American correspondents told me that when he saw them on the day before he had at first refused to say anything, and then had been rather violent in his language and had finally shown great emotion. I am sure from everything I observed that the break of diplomatic relations came as an intense surprise to him and to the other members of the Government; yet I cannot imagine why intelligent men should believe that the United States of America had fallen so low as to bear without murmur this sudden kick in the face.

The police, who had always been about our embassy since the commencement of the war, were now greatly increased in numbers, and guarded not only the front of the house, but the rear and the surrounding streets. But there was no demonstration whatever on the part of the people of Berlin. On Tuesday afternoon I went out for a walk, passing through most of the principal streets of Berlin absolutely alone.

On my return to the embassy I found Count Montgelas, who, with the rank of Minister, was at the head of the department which included American affairs in the Foreign Office.

I asked Montgelas why I had not received my passports and he said that I was being kept back because the Imperial Government did not know what had happened to Count Bernstorff and there had been rumors that the German ships in America had been confiscated by our Government. I answered that I was quite sure that Bernstorff was being treated with every courtesy and that the German ships had not been confiscated.

I made no comment, put the note in my pocket and went back to the embassy. It was then about 7 p.m. and, of course, the note was immediately translated and dispatched with all speed to America.

After the dispatch of the note I took her to the theater, where we saw a very clever play, I think by Thomas, called "Die Verlorene Tochter" ("The Prodigal Daughter").

Zimmermann did not come to the play, but joined us later at the Friedlander-Fulz house, where we had a supper for four in Mrs. Mitford's apartments. After supper, while we was talking to Zimmermann, he spoke of the note to America, and I thought there was no use in telling him.

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After the dispatch of the note I had an interview with the Chancellor in which, as I have stated above, he criticized both the peace note of Dec. 18 as not being definite enough, and the speech to the Senate of Jan. 22; further, he said that he believed the situation had changed—that, in spite of what President Wilson had said in the note before the Sussex settlement, the President was now for peace; that he had been elected on a peace platform, and that nothing would happen.

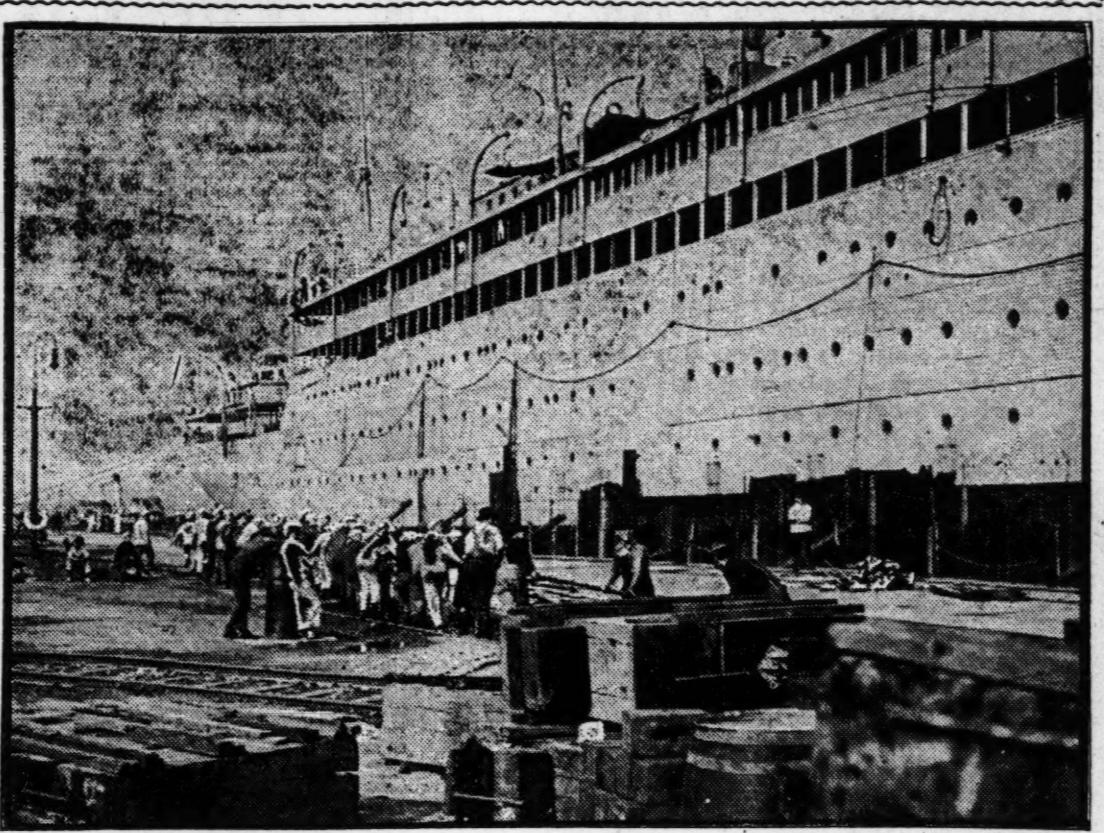
Zimmermann at the time he delivered the note told me that this submarine warfare was a necessity for Germany, and that Germany could not hold out a year on the question of food. He further said: "Give us two months of this kind of warfare and we shall end the war and make peace within three months."

**America's Breaking of Relations.**

The President on Saturday, Feb. 3, announced to Congress the breaking of diplomatic relations with Germany.

The news of this, of course, did not reach Berlin until the next day, and on this Saturday afternoon Mrs. Gerard and I had an engagement to

## English Built Liner, Later Owned by Germans, Being Fitted as U. S. Transport



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**T**HE S. Amerika, once owned by the White Star line and more recently acquired and used by the German Transatlantic service, is in dry-dock at a naval shipyard "somewhere in the United States," undergoing extensive repairs.

It is quite probable that the liner will be converted into a transport and may carry U. S. troops and supplies to France.

The Amerika is 28,000 tons and was originally built for the White Star line.

Montgelas was an extremely agreeable man, and I think at all times he had correctly predicted the attitude of America and had expressed himself against acts of ruthlessness such as the torpedoing of the Lusitania and the resumption of ruthless submarine war. I am sure that a gentleman like Montgelas undertook to carry out his orders in the matter of getting me to sign this treaty with great reluctance.

Montgelas seemed rather rattled and in his confusion left the paper with me—something, I am sure, he did not intend to do in case of a refusance.

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I must cheerfully certify that even the most pro-German American correspondents in Berlin, when I told the correspondents of Montgelas' threat, showed the same fine spirit as their colleagues. All begged me not to consider them or their liberty where the interests of America were involved.

**Gerard's Communication Cut.**

As soon as diplomatic relations were broken, and I broke them formally not only in my conversation with Zimmermann of Monday morning, but by sending over a formal written request for my passports on the evening of that day, our telephone privileges were cut off.

I was not even allowed to send telegrams to the American consuls throughout Germany giving them their instructions.

Mail also was cut off and the telephone. My servants were not even permitted to go to the nearby hotel to telephone.

In the meantime we completed our preparations for departure. We arranged to turn over American interests and the interests of Rumania and Servia and Japan to the Spanish embassy and the interests of Great Britain to the Dutch. I believe that Ambassador Polo de Bernebe will faithfully protect the interests of Britain, one of the British prisoners.

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## COAL OPERATOR IS ORDERED TO BRING BOOKS TO HEARING

Thomas T. Brewster Had Refused to Give Information Asked for by Attorney-General.

Thomas T. Brewster, vice president and general manager of the Mount Olive and Staunton Coal Co., a \$500,000 Illinois corporation, was the first witness in the State's investigation of advanced coal prices who refused information requested by the Attorney-General.

Brewster's affidavit was issued by Commissioner Major J. L. Lilly, before whom the inquiry is being conducted in the Planters Hotel, requiring Brewster to produce stock books of his company with cost sheets over the period for which advances have been recorded.

The hearing was adjourned yesterday afternoon to Monday at 10 o'clock, the time set for Brewster to bring in the "books."

When served with the subpoena Brewster informed the Attorney-General he would not comply with the order without court action.

## REICHSTAG TO MEET TUESDAY

BERLIN, Aug. 18. (Via London)—The main committee of the Reichstag will reconvene Aug. 21 for its first session since the recent ministerial crisis. The committee will have to elect a new chairman to succeed Dr. Spahn, appointed Prussian Minister of Justice. The present vice-chairman is Dr. Suedekum, a social Democrat.

The approaching session will be the committee's first opportunity to confer with the newly appointed government heads as well as with the new chancellor.

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PAPAL DELEGATE WHO  
WILL VISIT ST. LOUIS

MOST REV. MGR. JOHN BONZANO.

**MGR. BONZANO WILL  
REACH ST. LOUIS TODAY**

Papal Delegate to Officiate at  
Convention of German  
Catholic Central Verein.

The most Rev. Mgr. John Bonzano, apostolic delegate, will arrive in St. States and Mexico, will arrive in St. Louis at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon to officiate at the sixty-second general convention of the German-Catholic Central-Verein of the United States, which will open here tomorrow.

The papal delegate is being escorted from Washington, D. C., by the Revs. Timothy Dempsey, E. J. Smits and Mgr. P. W. Tallon. He will be met at Union Station by a delegation of the verein and Archibishop John J. Glennon.

Mgr. Bonzano will pontificate at a solemn high mass tomorrow morning at the New Cathedral, which will mark the opening of the convention. The Right Rev. Mgr. J. A. Connolly, P. R., V. G., the Rev. Joseph Lubely and the Rev. Caesar Spigard will assist the dignitary, while Archbishop Glennon and a delegation of priests will officiate in the sanctuary. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Joseph Wenzler, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

The papal delegate will officiate at the dedication of the new \$250,000 home of St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum at Normandy tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. A grand chorus of 500 voices, recruited from St. Louis Catholic choirs, will render a music program accompanied by Peppering's band of 27 pieces. Both religious and patriotic airs will be sung.

**FORMER SENATOR KERN, WHO  
RAN WITH BRYAN, IS DEAD**

Was Democratic Floor Leader While  
in Senate—Was 63 Years Old.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Aug. 18.—The body of John W. Kern, former Senator from Indiana and Democratic nominee for Vice President in 1908, who died here last night, was interred early today to Hollins, Va., his summer home, for burial. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Kern died at an Asheville hospital from uremic poisoning after an illness lasting since Tuesday. He was 63 years old. He came here a week ago to recuperate. With him at the time of his death were Mrs. Kern and Mrs. George B. Lawson, a daughter, of Roanoke, Va.

Up to the time of his retirement from the Senate in March last, Kern was majority floor leader and chairman of the Democratic Conference Committee. He was a native of Indiana, having been born in Alto, Howard County, Dec. 20, 1849.

**LEG CATCHES SAFELY IN ROPE IN  
MAN'S FALL FROM SCAFFOLD**

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 18.—Andrew Lashinsky, a rigger, was working on the roof of Philadelphia's city hall, yesterday, when a scaffold, 160 feet from the ground, broke, and he fell head first, with feet dangling outward, about fifty feet from a one inch rope, from another scaffold rung like a hangman's noose. One of Lashinsky's flying legs went inside it and drew the noose tight. His fall was stopped with a jerk and he hung head downward.

The man swung himself back and forward till he found a resting place on the ledge of a window not big enough to permit him to get inside the building. Workmen tore away the window sills and pulled him to safety.

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# MARKETS AND FINANCE--SALES AND LATEST QUOTATIONS

## STEEL AND EQUIPMENT SHARES WELL SUSTAINED IN NEW YORK MARKET

Business Is Dull and Price Changes for Day in All Lists Are Small---Rails Neglected.

By Special Wire From the New York Bureau of the Post-Dispatch.

**NEW YORK, Aug. 18.**—The Evening Post, in its copyrighted financial review today, set out:

"There was little movement on the Stock Exchange today, the fractional changes being mostly temporary, with declines in a few industries. Even Liberty bonds made little or no response to the Treasury's proposal to impose restrictions regarding a different rate and taxation status for the next war loan."

"Foreign exchange moved slightly against the Scandinavian markets."

"Bearing on the question of railway share and railway earnings, the Financial Chronicle this morning shows that four representative American railroads earned more in their gross receipts, 13% per cent more than in 1916, up to 1917, 25% per cent increase last July. For the seven past months the increase was nearly 14% per cent, as against 25% last year."

"A gain of \$4,420,000 in surplus bank reserves, as shown in today's bank statement, resulted wholly from a \$3,000,000 reduction of loans and the equivalent shrinkage of deposit liabilities. Reserves decreased, both rapidly. Reserves, decreased, both those held in the vaults of banks and those in the Federal Reserve Bank."

### DETAILED REPORT OF DAY'S TRADING IN WALL STREET

**NEW YORK, Aug. 18.**—Early transactions in today's stock market were characterized by considerable irregularity. The low record of 102,000 shares in United Fruit lost 3 points to 102. Marmon made a new high of 103 1/2; even orders reached 104 1/2. St. Paul rose 1 point, while Reading and St. Paul rose 2 points. Standard Oil, 102 1/2; Hart Schaffner & Marx, 102 1/2; Inland Ins. Co., 102 1/2; Kaufman Dept. Stores, 102 1/2; Mo. State Life Ins., 102 1/2; May Dept. Stores, 102 1/2; Sharpe Hardware, 102 1/2; Western Cartridge, 102 1/2. Annuity Recy. Co., 102 1/2; General Baking Co., 102 1/2; P. F. L. Co., 102 1/2; Knoxville Trust Co., 102 1/2; Grand Avenue Bank, 102 1/2; International Bank, 102 1/2; Laedle Trust Co., 102 1/2; Meramec Bank, 102 1/2; Night and Day Bank, 102 1/2; St. L. Sav. Trust Co., 102 1/2; State Bank Wellington, 102 1/2; Union Station Bank, 102 1/2; Union Trust Co., 102 1/2; First Natl. Bank, 102 1/2; Wall Street Trust Co., 102 1/2.

\*Listed on New York Stock Exchange.

### Miscellaneous Markets

**GRASS SEEDS**—Quote timothy at 27 to 30¢; clover at \$12 to \$18; alfalfa at \$15 to \$20.

**COAL**—**COKE**—Sound seed quote at \$3.99 per ton.

**DRIED FRUIT**—Fruit. Quote current re carib. choice rindless figs at 75¢ per lb.; choice rindless figs at 75¢ per lb.; probably bring 85¢ per lb.; even orders reach 90¢ per lb.

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### Unlisted Bank Stocks

Reported by Mark C. Steinberg & Co., Investment Bankers, Boatmen's Bank Bldg., St. Louis.

#### Bid Asked

American Bank . . . . . 100 100

Broadway Savings Trust Co. . . . . 100 100

Central National Bank . . . . . 100 100

Commonwealth Trust Co. . . . . 100 100

Crown City Trust Co. . . . . 100 100

Easton Taylor Trust Co. . . . . 100 100

First National Bank . . . . . 100 100

Grand Avenue Bank . . . . . 100 100

International Bank . . . . . 100 100

Kaufman Dept. Stores . . . . . 100 100

Laedle Trust Co. . . . . 100 100

Meramec Bank . . . . . 100 100

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Preferred Stocks.

Reported daily by Mark C. Steinberg & Co., Boatmen's Bank Building, St. Louis.

American Stores Co. . . . . 97 1/2 97 1/2

Childs' . . . . . 98 1/2 98 1/2

Childs' First pf. . . . . 97 1/2 97 1/2

Childs' Second pf. . . . . 97 1/2 97 1/2

Commercial Acid Co. . . . . 97 1/2 97 1/2

Edwards Mfg. Co. . . . . 97 1/2 97 1/2

Eisenstadt Mfg. Co. . . . . 97 1/2 97 1/2

Hart Schaffner & Marx . . . . . 97 1/2 97 1/2

Kaufman Dept. Stores . . . . . 97 1/2 97 1/2

May Dept. Stores Co. . . . . 97 1/2 97 1/2

Meramec Bank . . . . . 97 1/2 97 1/2

National Biscuit . . . . . 97 1/2 97 1/2

National Carbon new . . . . . 97 1/2 97 1/2

National Carbon sec. . . . . 97 1/2 97 1/2

North Butte . . . . . 97 1/2 97 1/2

South Butte . . . . . 97 1/2 97 1/2

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# When It Comes to Fighting for the U. S., Some Champions Do a Lot of "Soldiering."

## M'GRAWMEN LAND ON GOODWIN FOR THREE IN FIFTH

Giant Manager Sends Schupp, His Best Southpaw, to Hill in Opening Clash.

### GREAT CROWD ON HAND

18,000 Patrons Are Out When First Game of Doubleheader Is Started.

### The Lineup.

NEW YORK	CARDINALS
Burns, H.	Long, r.
Hertzog, 2b.	Betzell, c.
Kauff, 3b.	Hornshy, ss.
Zimmerman, Sh.	Fletcher, sr.
Fletcher, sr.	Holke, 1b.
Holke, 1b.	Baird, 3b.
Holke, 1b.	Gibson, c.
Holke, 1b.	Goodwin, D.
Holke, 1b.	Umpire—Klein and Emile.
Attendance—18,000.	

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Marvin Goodwin, the right-hander obtained from Milwaukee by the Cardinals, was sent to the hill in the opening clash of today's twin bill with the Giants. He drew Ferdinand Schupp, McGraw's star left-hander as his opponent. Gonzales and Gibson were the catchers.

A crowd estimated at 18,000 was on hand when the contest started.

### First Inning.

CARDINALS—Long drew a pass. Betzell also walked. A foul tip from Miller's bat broke Gibson's finger and he was replaced by Rariden. Miller struck out. Hornshy drove to Burns. Cruise fanned. NO RUNS.

NEW YORK—Burns fisted to Long. Herzog fanned. Kauff skied to Long. NO RUNS.

### Second Inning.

CARDINALS—Paulette singled to right. Baird fanned. Gonzales singled over second. Schupp tossed out Miller. Kauff made a great catch of Long's drive in deep left center. NO RUNS.

NEW YORK—Goodwin tossed out Zimmerman. Fletcher out. Miller to Paulette. Robertson singled to center. Holke triped to right, scoring. Rariden fanned. ONE RUN.

Third Inning.

CARDINALS—Betzell fouled to Fletcher. Miller lifted to Robertson. Herzog drove deep to Burns. NO RUNS.

NEW YORK—Schupp fanned. Miller made a great try for Burns' short fly but could not reach it and went for two bases. Hornshy threw out Herzog. Burns going to third. Kauff fouled to Baird. NO RUNS.

### Fourth Inning.

CARDINALS—Cruise popped to Rariden. Paulette flied to Fletcher. Fletcher threw out Baird. NO RUNS.

NEW YORK—Zimmerman filed to Betzell. Fletcher popped to Miller. Robertson flied to Betzell. NO RUNS.

### Fifth Inning.

CARDINALS—Gonzales singled to right. Goodwin bunted on a line to Zimmerman, who trapped the ball and then threw to first for a double play. Holke tagging Gonzales, who had left the bag. Long walked. Kauff out. Betzell. THREE RUNS.

### BASEBALL SCORES.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

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FIRST GAME.  
CARDINALS AT NEW YORK.  
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NEW YORK.  
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Batteries: Cardinals—Goodwin and Gonzalez; New York—Schupp and Gibson. Umpires: Klein and Emile.

FIRST GAME.  
CINCINNATI AT BROOKLYN.  
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Batteries: Cincinnati—Schupp and Miller; Brooklyn—Cheney and Miller. Umpires: Bryon and Quigley.

FIRST GAME.  
CHICAGO AT BOSTON.  
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BOSTON.  
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Batteries: Chicago—Carter and Elliott; Boston—Trager and Umphrey. Umpires: Harrison and O'Day.

PITTSBURG AT PHILADELPHIA.  
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Batteries: Pittsburgh—Cocher and Fischer; Philadelphia—Alexander and Killifer. Umpires: Rucker and Branford.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

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FIRST GAME.  
BOSTON AT CLEVELAND.  
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CLEVELAND.  
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Batteries: Boston—Leonard and Arrow; Cleveland—Cronin and O'Neill. Umpires: Gowan and Nallin.

## What Prosperity Has Done to World's Champion Jess Willard

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BY ROBERT EDGREN



## Willard, in One Hour, Could Earn \$200,000 for Uncle Sam

Cardinal Slugger Has Fallen Back to .314—Roush Still in First Place.

Champion Who "Ran Out," After Offering His Services to Country, Could Make Good by Defending His Title Against Morris and Giving Receipts to U. S.

By John E. Wray.

JESS WILLARD, world's champion boxer, once wired President Wilson that he was ready to fight for Uncle Sam. When called upon to make good his voluntary offer, Willard back-tracked like a squid, clouding the issue as to his enlistment by stating that he was above the regulation height and therefore slightly ineligible.

The recruiting service agreed to find something suitable for Willard to do despite his mean altitude above sea-level—"mean is right."

Willard fell back upon his rights as a married, exempt American citizen, over the draft age and therefore not liable to military duty.

Although Hornsby dropped to fourth place in batting he continued to sharp with Roush the lead for total bases, each having 182.

Burns of New York increased his lead as a run getter to 76, and Carey of Cincinnati is far ahead of the baseball leaders with 32.

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lost all count. Baker  
year, so was Maisel.  
been missing almost  
ause of injuries and  
the way it goes. Even  
somebody'll just quit  
h the gas lever, I'll  
ne in the first division  
t know beans about

s and side line ex-  
s been trying to dope  
best ball club in the  
true, here's the way  
settles the question:

best club in the  
Bill, "and it gets the  
being that. We may  
the series with the  
KNOW we'll have  
ands before we quit  
g has a great hitting  
e is a ball club, but  
d Burns, Hellman,  
the others with Ty, it  
hard to beat.

Red Sox.

ed the guess that the  
in the pennant race.  
Sox have a great  
depend entirely on  
pitchers. When Row-  
falter, good-by ball  
On the other hand,  
the club apparently  
their play.

legation also carries  
vious experience and  
narrows down to the  
in every inch of class  
this experience and  
and hitting them through. We're  
going to hurt the Chi-  
than anyone imag-  
hustling ballplayer  
with it."

g Wasted.

ones was right when  
ns were hitting but  
method is borne out  
f yesterday's affair.  
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was a trifling. The  
run on the same  
three of which went

n which the Browns  
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ronicle. Aside from  
Pratt's double, the  
swats in the fifth,  
eighth. Witness:  
l with two down  
d the sixth with a  
second.  
an the seventh  
orced by Jacobson,  
miller and Shotton  
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GN MEYERS.

former catcher on  
Brooklyn Nationals,  
a few days ago by  
has been signed by  
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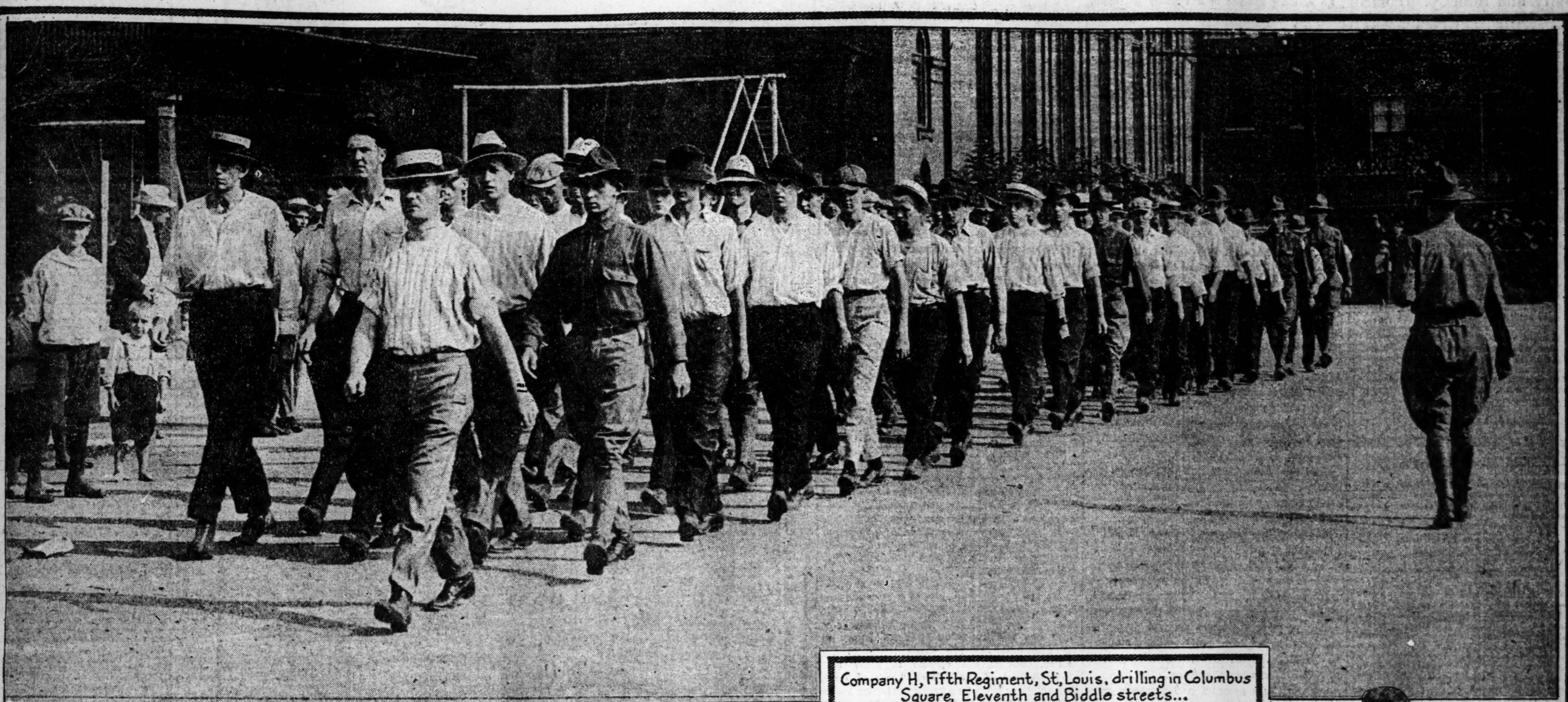
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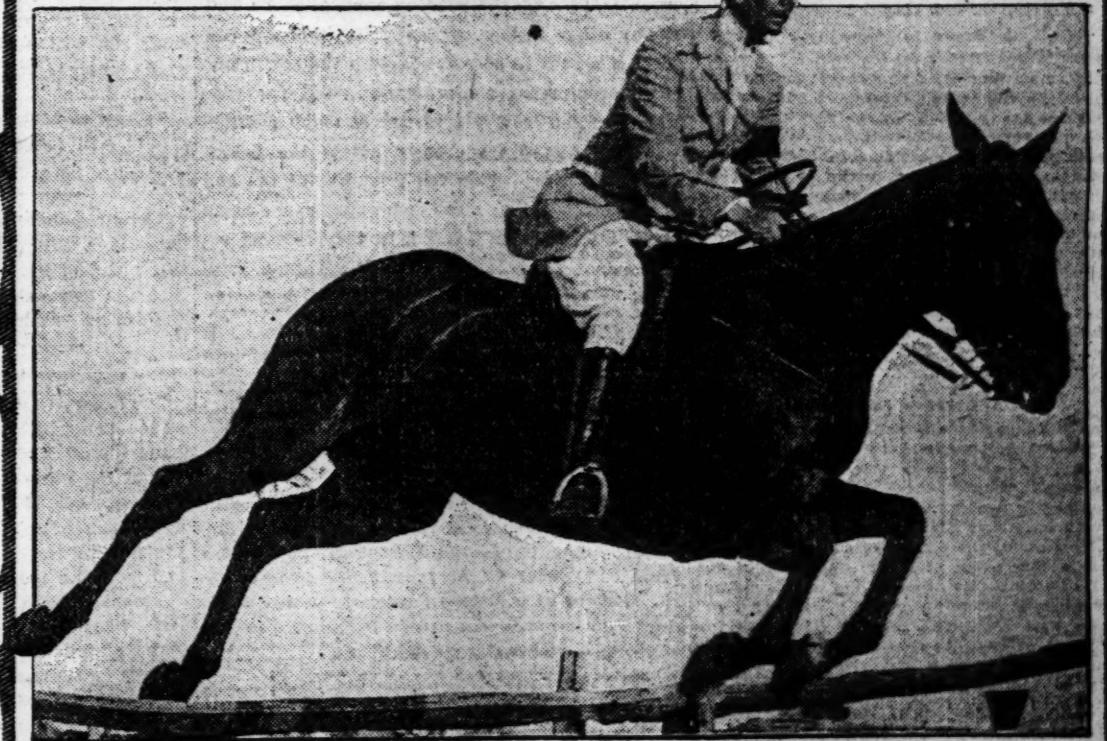
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Women's Features  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 1917.



Company H, Fifth Regiment, St. Louis, drilling in Columbus Square, Eleventh and Biddle streets...



Elihu Root, leaving a hall in Moscow, Russia, where he had just spoken. The man with the cane on his arm is Ambassador David R. Francis.



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Taking the hurdle at a jumping contest held by society folk at Southampton, L.I.



French tank,  
named "Teddy",  
bending a giant  
tree in a  
demonstration.



© UNDERWOOD & UNDERWOOD.  
Jean Adolph Sulzer, the new  
Swiss Minister to the United States,  
who replaces a German sympathizer.



© UNDERWOOD & UNDERWOOD.  
It's the same at Newport as everywhere else. Miss Margaret Caperton and Miss Marion Tiffany  
with Roy F. Williams and George Hegan, who have just joined the U.S. Naval Reserve.

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JOSEPH PULITZER.

April 10, 1907.

**LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.**

Letters for this column must contain names and addresses of writers. Pen names will be published when desired. Letters must be short.

**The Kaiser's Pretensions.**

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.  
Many people think the Kaiser a fool with his loud proclamation of "Gott ist mit uns." But did you ever stop to think what it would be like if he had not put on such hypocritical pretensions when they started out to conquer the world? Especially in view of their cultured ambitions and barbaresque acts. Their calling of treated scraps of paper, and this because the nations in question were too small to defend themselves. If he had not played the hypocritical part this civilized world would long since have been up in arms and crushed them. Their own people would not have been with them. LENGTH AND DEPTH.

**A Regretful Goodbye.**

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.  
After having read the proclamation and appeal by the Veiled Prophet, I wish to say that for many years I have had the honor and pleasure to see that mysterious and noble prophet and his beautiful floats appear in our city, and while I regret to miss it this year, I am nevertheless in perfect accord with his decision. I believe as you say, that America will win and vindicate her honor, so I humbly bow to his majesty's proclamation. Au revoir, Noble Prophet, and until we meet again, remember that your appearance will be in the near and not in the distant future.

ANDREW H. ARMAS.

**A Grocer's Sarcasm.**

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.  
Why was it so hard to determine in the past year what class was responsible for the high prices? Many said "the grocer." Yet 80 per cent of the grocers failed. This fact exonerates the class.

How about the man who said 150 per cent was a fair profit and who undoubtedly got it? Possibly he was in his office on an average of 20 minutes daily. The grocer, who was slandered, worked 14 hours for a profit of two per cent. Perhaps, also, his intelligence is on a par with the man who claims 150 per cent as a fair margin of profit to wrest from the poor and needy or rich alike.

W. J. BRENNAN, Grocer.

**The War and Christianity.**

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.  
Pessimists have said that this great war has proven that Christian civilization is a failure. But never was there more glorious and sublime proof to the contrary.

Nearly all the nations of the earth, large and small, American, European and Asiatic, have now risen in horror and joined hands to crush the one autocracy which has dared to trample the laws of that civilization under foot. Those that have not done so are mostly small contiguous nations which dare not offend the grinning giant at their thresholds.

The most zealous optimist could hardly have expected such unanimity. It is the most encouraging thing for our civilization that has happened since the dawn of Christianity.

There are now about one billion people arrayed against the outlaw. If our Savior is to make his second advent upon earth it seems to me that the end of this war would be a propitious time for that event.

W. M. H.

**Unnecessary Warning.**

From Harper's Magazine.  
"This seems to be a very dangerous precipice" remarked the tourist. "I wonder that they have not put up a warning board."

"Yes," answered the guide. "It is dangerous. They kept a warning board up for two years, but no one fell, so it was taken down."

**The Submarine Peril.**

From the Philadelphia Bulletin.  
The reported appearance of the hostile submarine in the Atlantic pathway a short distance from New York harbor, may, or may not, have been a consequence of over-worked imagination. At least it was not an impossibility, nor hardly improbable, if we are to believe the stories of the arrival and success of the German under-sea boat operating off Africa, with one of its prizes converted into a supply base. Our own coast is within the radius of effective action of one of these super-submarines, and it may be imagined that Germany would regard even a single prize, if it were of the right order, well worth the effort.

**OUR SHIFTLESS BRIDGE BOARD.**

Construction and other preliminary work of the St. Louis & East St. Louis Interurban Railway, successor of the Southern Traction Co., is now so far advanced that its formal application for a permit to cross the free bridge was recorded by the press the other day.

An amazing absence of any policy governing trolley transit across the bridge, in fact, a general lack of readiness for putting the bridge to work in one of its most important opportunities for service, were revealed by the company's position.

With no restrictions on consumption except a higher tax restriction, there ought to be enough to last for many months.

**COAL VULTURES.**

This year when Americans are offering their lives and personal services to the Government for war on land and sea; when many business men are adjusting or deserting their business to serve the nation, coal men come forward and declare that this is the opportune time to fatten on the necessities of the people.

Mr. Kavanaugh thinks \$1,500,000 profit on a \$1,000,000 investment is fair for war times and wants to bag that much. Mr. Lumaghi thinks our war need offers excellent opportunity to make up all past losses and safeguard the next five years.

Capital punishment has been abolished in this State, but the Haman gallows for the hanging of human vultures who prey on the vitals of their country in its time of need still stands. The coal men are in the dock.

The fact that none are so deaf as those who do not wish to hear is being abundantly exemplified in the draft examinations.

**OUR LITTLE LOAF.**

The loaf we buy at the bakery or grocery is a cute little thing, about the size of the late lamented nickel loaf. It weighs, full grown, about 11 ounces. It has a lot of names—too many, one would think, for so insignificant a trifle. It has to be viewed in company with several of its fellows to appear quite visible. A man with weak vision might miss it standing alone.

For a dollar the housewife gets 10 of these loaves. For 80 cents she gets 10 pounds of flour. So, for a dollar, she may buy 110 ounces of bread or 200 ounces of flour. With her 200 ounces of flour she can make at least 18 loaves as big and heavy as she would get from the bakery. But if she chooses to make only 10 loaves out of her dollar's worth of flour, they will be so much larger than the bakery loaves that she will feel she is doing something worth while to further the food conservation movement. By placing one of her loaves alongside a bakery loaf, she will be convinced that buying ready-made bread is not the best way of saving in the food bill.

To say nothing of the satisfaction she and the family will feel when they eat the home-made bread.

The stoop-shouldered, sallow clerk has returned from Fort Riley, bronzed, sturdy and straight. What the officers' training camp did for these men the national army cantonments will do for the drafted youths.

Are Messrs. Kiel, Aloe, Nolte, Talbert and Hooke, who compose the Bridge Commission, ambitious to equal the costly record of stupidity and delay that marked the past history of bridge finance and bridge construction?

Does the Kiel administration intend to maintain the Chinese wall to the east which has shut off the enormous East Side population from St. Louis? Is the free bridge to be made the servant of a trolley monopoly as the Eads and Merchants bridges were for years the servants of a railroad monopoly?

**ONLY ONE INTEREST DISPLEASED.**

A simple agreement for the installation of pumping machinery enables the penitentiary to be supplied with excellent water from the two deep wells sunk there several years ago at a cost of \$500,000, but permitted since to remain unused. Perhaps the arrangement will not be very welcome to the local private hydraulic company, which will be deprived of water rates to the amount of \$1,000 a month. But it is a highly satisfactory arrangement to the taxpayers of the State.

**SEPT. 8 AND THE DEMON RUM.**

At midnight on Sept. 8 the production of all forms of alcoholic distillates for use as beverages becomes illegal under the pure food act.

Though uncertain as yet as to how history will look on it, we cannot be insensible to this suspension of one of the very oldest of industries in the United States and also one linked in many interesting ways with the development and annals of the country. As early as 126 years ago it had obtained such importance that when the Federal Government sought to impose an excise tax on it the resistance became formidable and grew after two or three years into an armed revolt. Perhaps many have forgotten that Gen. Washington won our gratitude, not only by putting down British taxation without representation, but putting down the so-called Whisky Insurrection in 1794.

Ways are often found of reminding the descendants of certain high-placed New England families that the foundation of the fortunes they inherited was laid in the distilling and transporting to Africa of ardent spirits, the cargo space of the carrying vessels being used to bring slaves back to America. No official scandal ever caused as much consternation or resulted in as profound political effects as the 1787 frauds on the revenues of the Whisky Ring of St. Louis, which is still made a subject of recrimination between a couple of the old newspapers of the city.

Staggering as is the blow that is coming for the Demon Rum, it must in a sense be a welcome relief. A distressing end has been predicted for him so long that he could not help feeling a harrowing anxiety. He at least knows now just

what is going to happen to him and is put out of his suspense. He felt strong enough once to defy Uncle Sam in arms, but there is little fight left in him now. And if this is his finish—no one can say what concessions may be granted him after the war—he has the facilities for making it a finish as red as a St. Louis County sunset. Two months ago the visible supply of spirits in the country was computed at nearly three gallons to every man, woman and child in the population, and from the way the distilleries have been running night and day since there must be close to four gallons for each of us now.

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The time when the city's assets in radiating interurban lines would be augmented by a line across the new bridge and exorbitant fares via the Eads structure reduced has been impatiently awaited. But when attempts are made to arrange the terms for crossing preparatory to early operation, the reply of the Mayor is that the "Bridge Commission will be organized in the near future and your application will be presented to that body."

On Feb. 21 last an ordinance was passed creating a Bridge Commission and investing it with the duty of bestowing bridge privileges on electric and steam roads. If, six months after the passage of this ordinance, the commission, composed wholly of city officials acting in an ex-officio capacity and having a legal existence as a city board from the day the legislation took effect, has not even effected an organization, when it may be expected to effect an organization?

This is by no means the most serious phase of recent bridge mismanagement and recent bridge delay, forced to public attention by the company's application.

Supposing favorable action is taken on the permit in the near future, that the company connects its tracks with the bridge and that it begins running its cars.

Where are its passengers to be landed on this side of the river?

The wagon deck of the bridge, with its trolley tracks in place ready for instant use, was opened to the public on Jan. 20 last. Seven months after the opening absolutely no progress has been made toward deciding the issues involved in providing for a bridge loop. And so far as trolley service is concerned, the loop is as important as bridge approaches themselves.

Awakened to a sense of its inexcusable shiftlessness, the commission might within a few days organize, take up the pending application or that of any other trolley company, fix its bond and grant a permit in accordance with the conditions of the comprehensive ordinance. But the construction of a loop is a matter of many months.

Trolley passengers coming across the bridge must not be landed on the bridge or at the end of the bridge. They must be brought to the heart of St. Louis. Is it planned, in the proposed readjustment of relations with the United Railways, to give that company a haul in conveying passengers uptown?

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This is the sort of action which was blessed by him who welcomed the little children on the plains of Judea. We are glad to see that it is becoming quite frequent in St. Louis. Those who do such acts will certainly get as great enjoyment from them as their beneficiaries.

FROM THE LEGISLATIVE MAZE.

War has failed to change your ways: Still you trifile and you talk, Still you bungle and you balk; In the time to come, O men— When from fields of belching guns Come the lists of fallen sons You will do your duty then!

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DR. KUNO MEYER'S LOGIC.

Dr. Kuno Meyer's statements in a recent German newspaper article are typical of the puerile reasoning to which the passions and prejudices of war can reduce even highly cultivated intellects. He condescends to the palpably fallacious pronouncement that the United States has entered the war for fear that the money it has lent to the allies would be lost in the event of German victory.

If a student had taken such a stand in one of Dr. Meyer's classes when he was exchange professor at Yale, the worthy Herr Doktor's pained amazement can be easily fancied. He would have taken pains to make it clear that such an argument is known to logicians as an ignoratio elenchi, or an inability to draw a clear line between premise and conclusion.

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"I WAS JUST MAKING UP FOR A BAD YEAR!"

## JUST A MINUTE

Written for the POST-DISPATCH  
by Clark McAdams

**TO CONGRESS.**

**D**ILLY-DALLY as you may With the nation's work today; Ball feebly as you will Over many a futile bill;

Later on, O laggard men— When your boys have reached the line Where the shrapnel devils whine, You will do your duty then!

Reaching skyward in a great careess,

Across the Age of Mystery.

I rose and stood beneath a Peristytle,

She stooped and pressed me then—erewhile

Against her Breasts of History.

**TO THE SPHINX.**

**I**SAT at even time on the Lybian sands, And watched Night's shadows creep from up the Nile.

In languorous attitudes for Egypt's rest. Above the Sphinx purred o'er the dark'ning lands,

Reaching skyward in a great careess,

Across the Age of Mystery.

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She stooped and pressed me then—erewhile

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CHARLES V. H. ROBERTS.

It is always interesting to observe the women out camping. A bug bites a woman about three times as hard as it bites a man, and she yells even more times than that louder. One's conclusion after a few days is that it was the woman who insisted upon having a house. Some notion of the long distance she has dragged man by the hair of his head may be gained by comparing some of our modern homes with places in which we formerly lived.

"Fork" or politics or plain Upper denseness—lack of brain— Make you sit and sit and sit, Void of wisdom and of wit; In the time to come, O men— When you read with startled eyes Of our bloody sacrifice, You will do your duty then!

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER—but, While you hug the oldtime rut, Freedom shakes beneath the blows Of her fierce and mighty foes;

Later on, O laggard men, If the Huns have crossed the sea That now shelters Liberty, Will your doing matter then?</p

## TO QUERIES.

R TALK.  
not enlist in the navy for  
peace will bring  
man is paid from the  
army, is paid for  
high school education  
time he might get  
than that.  
to know how the U.S.  
the religious denomina-  
to be placed over such  
First or Fifth Mis-  
published regula-  
ment of chaplains say  
that would answer your

## POINTS.

Librarian of Congress  
nation, or see leading  
age is legal, no matter  
right or wrong. (Phone

## HINTS.

The mouth wash  
mineral salts 1/2 to

Use as a mouth wash  
to exceed 3 days than

for not more than 4  
any of the solution.

not the powder) when-  
nothing appears.

General tonic and aid to  
be used for several  
days. Diet for 2 or 3  
days of fruits, well  
milk. Moderate use of  
is of value. At close  
are similarly acid fruits,  
buttermilk, milk, tea, tea or cocoas. In  
an entire milk diet for  
beneficial especially if  
stomach, bordering  
use of hydrochloric  
is also good and there  
of fruit has been  
composed entirely of  
two preceding the  
diet may be of bene-  
Turkish bath, will  
be of great help if  
it takes from 3 to 6  
nearly the desire for  
pends upon how closely  
followed.

## LD HELPS.

Peel 12 medium-  
cut in slices crossing  
kettle with one  
hopped, 1 onion finely  
sauté 3 tablespoons  
salt, 2 tablespoons  
cinnamon, 1 teaspoon  
grated nutmeg. Heat  
point, let simmer 2½

cookies: 2 cups sugar-  
lard, 5 tablespoons  
baking powder, 1 tablespoon  
oats, 1 cup flour,  
raisins. Cream the  
sugar and add the  
dissolved in a little  
oil. Mix thoroughly,  
baking sheet.

CUTLERY.  
hands: Apply per-  
which a few drops of  
the ammonia, if need  
the roots of the hair  
a certain amount of  
be "taken up" in  
lotion bathe the lips  
they become sensi-  
apply the tannin  
Mrs. Hall's hair  
add 1 oz. each of pul-  
kanet chips; let com-  
strain through cheese  
and night. Never

LADIES.  
parts equal parts  
and salting. In  
scatter some on the  
and rub off with  
or a clean rag. We  
gloss.

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who teach all  
elements of a  
first year, \$100 for  
\$1200 for fourth.

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and typewriting to  
the service. Persons  
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done. Examinations  
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each week at all the  
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Charles Hendricks  
Custom House, Third

flameous.  
a fine  
drizzle was falling. For a few sec-  
onds. Harper stood in a daze of  
reaction before his home and then  
automatically turned his steps in the  
direction of his office. He had  
neither lead pipe nor plans—nothing  
but a chaotic idea of getting \$20.

For several blocks he walked in  
fruitless thought. Suddenly an idea  
came. Tomorrow was payday and  
Hall & Sons never banked the  
receipts of the day before, keeping  
the money in the cash drawer to be  
applied to the monthly payroll. Harper  
had kept to the office. This  
would be about \$50 in the till.  
What could be simpler? Thief?

Certainly but his wife had dared him  
to be one.

It was a moonless night and a fine  
drizzle was falling. For a few sec-  
onds. Harper stood in a daze of  
reaction before his home and then  
automatically turned his steps in the  
direction of his office. He had  
neither lead pipe nor plans—nothing  
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At last the Princess gave her hand  
to a Prince, and the night of the  
wedding was to take place the Princess  
was nowhere to be found.

The King also said he would give  
half of his kingdom to the one who  
would bring back the lost Princess.

Now, there was among the ser-  
vants a little kitchen maid named  
Cilla, who loved the Princess be-  
cause she always spoke kindly to  
her, and when she knew her mistress  
was lost she resolved to find her at  
any cost.

One night when all the people  
in the palace were sound asleep, Cilla  
stole out and went to a witch who  
lived in the woods and asked her  
to help her to find the Princess.

"Hello, Cilla," came a gruff  
voice, "what are you doing down  
here at this time of the night?" It  
was Hall, the old man himself.

"Reading, sir," quavered Harper.

"Reading? What?"

For the first time Harper glanced  
at the book's title. It was "Coffee,  
How it is Grown, Roasted and Mar-  
keted."

"It's about coffee, sir. I am trying  
to learn all about coffee. Its very in-  
teresting."

"Huh," grunted Hall, "why don't  
you read at home?"

"I was afraid, sir," said Harper,  
gaining assurance, "that you would  
not like to have it leave the office.  
I have been coming down here sever-  
al nights to read this book."

"What are we paying you?" asked  
Hall.

"Huh. Did you see my grip? I  
came down here for it. Oh, there  
it is."

Harper climbed from the chair to  
hand the grip to his employer.

"You can take the book home,"  
said Hall. "Reading at night, eh.  
Tell the cashier in the morning to  
make your salary \$100 instead of  
\$80 and then report to me. Book-  
keeping is no business for a young  
fellow with ambition."

Compensation.

MRS. FLATBUSH: Isn't this war  
terrible?

Mrs. Bensonhurst: Well, it has its  
compensations. The man who had  
my husband out late at night, and  
the trombone player next door, have  
both gone.

The Post-Dispatch  
Daily Short Story

TWENTY  
DOLLARS

By Sam Hellman  
Written Especially for the Post-  
Dispatch.

G EORGE," said Mrs. Harper  
heavily, "the butcher was  
here again today."

"Well?"

"He says he won't deliver any  
more meat unless we pay him all we  
owe him."

"That'll be all right. Tomorrow's  
pay day. How much do we owe  
him?"

"Twenty-five," replied Mrs. Har-  
per. "Remember, we didn't pay  
him last month."

"Whew! That much? Well, we  
can give him a part of it."

"No we can't," interrupted the  
woman, "he wants it all, he says.  
We've got to pay the rent, the bak-  
eryman and the grocer. John, I'm  
becoming desperate. You'll have to  
get a raise, or do something. We  
just can't live on \$80 a month. We  
owe everybody, and there isn't a  
store within 10 blocks that will trust  
me for a spool of thread. Can't you  
give a raise from Mr. Hall?"

"Raise?" repeated Harper bitter-  
ly, "why should he give me a raise?  
Bookkeepers are thicker than  
thieves. You don't have to pay a  
bookkeeper much, and I don't know  
how to do anything else."

"We must do something," reiterated  
Mrs. Harper with the persistence  
of blank despair. "There are a hun-  
dred dollars' worth of bills that we  
must pay this month, understand  
me, and we have only \$80 to do  
it with. Can't you get another  
job or extra work or something?"

If we had \$100 tomorrow instead of  
\$80 we could at least get through  
this month. Ask Mr. Hall for a  
raise."

"What's the use?" replied Harper  
wearily. "Tell you bookkeepers  
are thicker than thieves!"

"Thieves," interrupted his wife  
sharply. "We'd be better off if you  
were a thief. We might as well be  
in jail as fighting all day with bill  
collectors and worrying ourselves  
sick. You've got to do something!"

"Talking foolishly like that isn't  
going to help any," snapped Harper.  
"What do you want me to do? Get  
a piece of lead pipe and go out and  
knock someone down to get \$20 for  
you?"

"Huh," laughed Mrs. Harper hy-  
perbolically, "you haven't got the nerve."

"I haven't, haven't I?" retorted  
Harper. "Where's my hat?"

"You're fooling, George."

"You're fooled too much. Good-  
bye"—and before Mrs. Harper could  
get in the way to stop him, he had  
ashed from the house.

It was a moonless night and a fine  
drizzle was falling. For a few sec-  
onds. Harper stood in a daze of  
reaction before his home and then  
automatically turned his steps in the  
direction of his office. He had  
neither lead pipe nor plans—nothing  
but a chaotic idea of getting \$20.

For several blocks he walked in  
fruitless thought. Suddenly an idea  
came. Tomorrow was payday and  
Hall & Sons never banked the  
receipts of the day before, keeping  
the money in the cash drawer to be  
applied to the monthly payroll. Harper  
had kept to the office. This  
would be about \$50 in the till.  
What could be simpler? Thief?

Certainly but his wife had dared him  
to be one.

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At last the Princess gave her hand  
to a Prince, and the night of the  
wedding was to take place the Princess  
was nowhere to be found.

The King also said he would give  
half of his kingdom to the one who  
would bring back the lost Princess.

Now, there was among the ser-  
vants a little kitchen maid named  
Cilla, who loved the Princess be-  
cause she always spoke kindly to  
her, and when she knew her mistress  
was lost she resolved to find her at  
any cost.

One night when all the people  
in the palace were sound asleep, Cilla  
stole out and went to a witch who  
lived in the woods and asked her  
to help her to find the Princess.

"Hello, Cilla," came a gruff  
voice, "what are you doing down  
here at this time of the night?" It  
was Hall, the old man himself.

"Reading, sir," quavered Harper.

"Reading? What?"

For the first time Harper glanced  
at the book's title. It was "Coffee,  
How it is Grown, Roasted and Mar-  
keted."

"It's about coffee, sir. I am trying  
to learn all about coffee. Its very in-  
teresting."

"Huh," grunted Hall, "why don't  
you read at home?"

"I was afraid, sir," said Harper,  
gaining assurance, "that you would  
not like to have it leave the office.  
I have been coming down here sever-  
al nights to read this book."

"What are we paying you?" asked  
Hall.

"Huh. Did you see my grip? I  
came down here for it. Oh, there  
it is."

Harper climbed from the chair to  
hand the grip to his employer.

"You can take the book home,"  
said Hall. "Reading at night, eh.  
Tell the cashier in the morning to  
make your salary \$100 instead of  
\$80 and then report to me. Book-  
keeping is no business for a young  
fellow with ambition."

Compensation.

MRS. FLATBUSH: Isn't this war  
terrible?

Mrs. Bensonhurst: Well, it has its  
compensations. The man who had  
my husband out late at night, and  
the trombone player next door, have  
both gone.

## The Supreme Fear

By C. D. Batchelor

DOROTHY  
DIX SAYS

Sympathy Is the Basis on Which to Win  
Your Daughter's Confidence.

A MOTHER writes: "Will you please tell me how I can gain and hold the confidence of my 15-year-old daughter? I feel very much hurt because she tells things to a neighbor that she never mentions to me, and talks very much more freely with this comparative stranger than she does with her own mother."

Dear lady, you are just 15 years too late in starting out to win your child's confidence. Someone has said that to make a gentleman you must begin with a man's grandfather. Certainly if you ever expect to be chums with your children you must begin when they are in the cradle.

Whenever grown-up children are not confidential with their parents it is the parents' fault. Every boy runs instinctively to his little boyhood friends and the lessons and their school chums, and their fights, and who never objects to anyone wanting to do that isn't actually wrong or untrue, never has to complain that he isn't in the boys' confidence. Why, dad's their best friend, and their first impulse is to tell him everything.

And why should Mamie tell her mother anything when she knows beforehand that mother is going to be shocked and say that girls never did that way in her day? Or worse still, mother laughs and blinks.

Dorothy Dix:

Mamie told mother about a little boy that she met at the dancing class, and she said he thought she had the prettiest curls he ever saw, and he wrote his name on her fan, and he walked part of the way home with her, and he was a perfectly lovely boy, and his name was Percy.

It was Mamie's first romance, the first flutter of the embryo of her womanhood, and when Mamie told it to mother she opened the very doors of her shy little soul and let mother look in at mysteries that Mamie herself was too young to know were there.

Parents forget in dealing with their children that confidence is only possible between people of sympathy and understanding. Even a grown person cannot tell anything to another unless he is sure that other person is going to get his point of view in the matter and feel about it as he does.

Y U never tell your plans but once to a person who puts a veto on everything that you were intending to do. You never drag out your little tender, budding aspirations, but once before a person who throws out your web blanket that leaves you chilled to the bone. You never tell your beans except upon invitation, if parents have forfeited this privilege through their blundering or carelessness, the blame is theirs, not the child's.

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If that is true of the grown-up, it is ten thousand times more true of the child, because a child's soul is ten thousand times more sensitive than a grown person's. Life makes callousness on our souls even as it does upon our feet, but a child's soul is still so tender and delicate it bleeds at a rough touch.

And parents are too stupid to realize this or to see that the reason their children do not confide in them is because they have acted in such a way as to effectively shut off all confidence.

Why should little Johnnie tell you that he is planning to build a playhouse in the back yard when experience has taught you that you will be sure to "don't" it and that you won't have the back yard cluttered up with trash, whereas, if he goes on and builds it without taking you into his confidence in the matter, you will probably never notice it, or else think it rather clever of him to have such a bit of carpentry work.

It would have added immeasurably to Johnnie's pleasure in the matter if he could have confided his plans to you and you had been interested enough in it to talk it over.

FRESH BEETS IN WINTER.

They should be placed in venti-  
lated barrels, loose boxes, or  
better still, in crates.

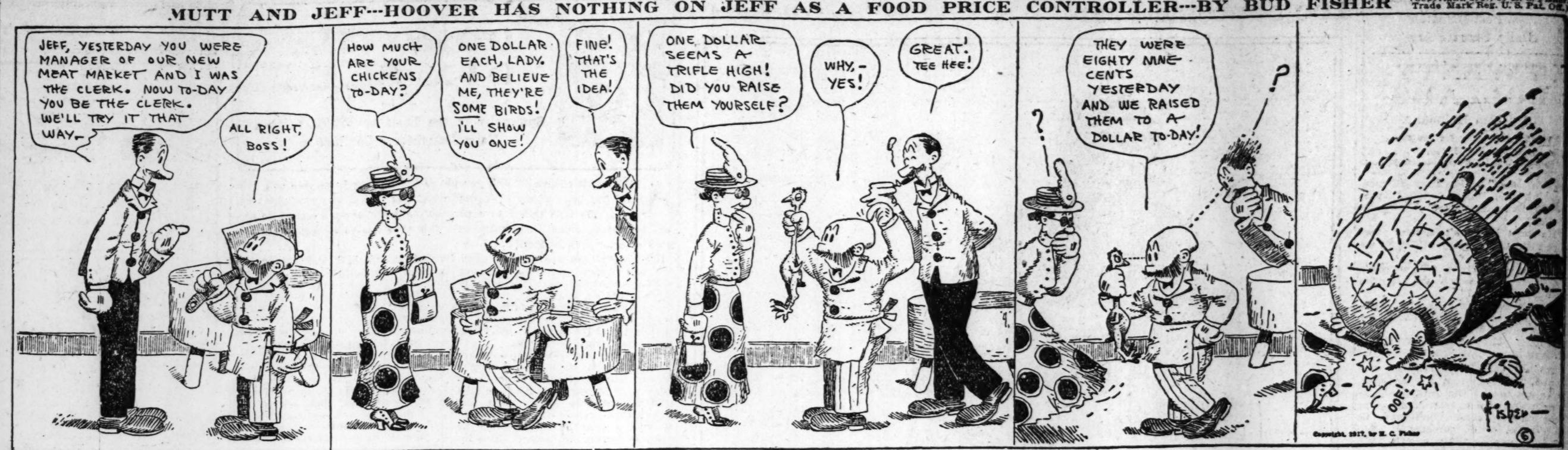
They should be pulled and the tops cut off when the soil is dry.

If sufficient space is available in  
the cellar, it is a good plan simply to  
place them in small piles along the  
wall.

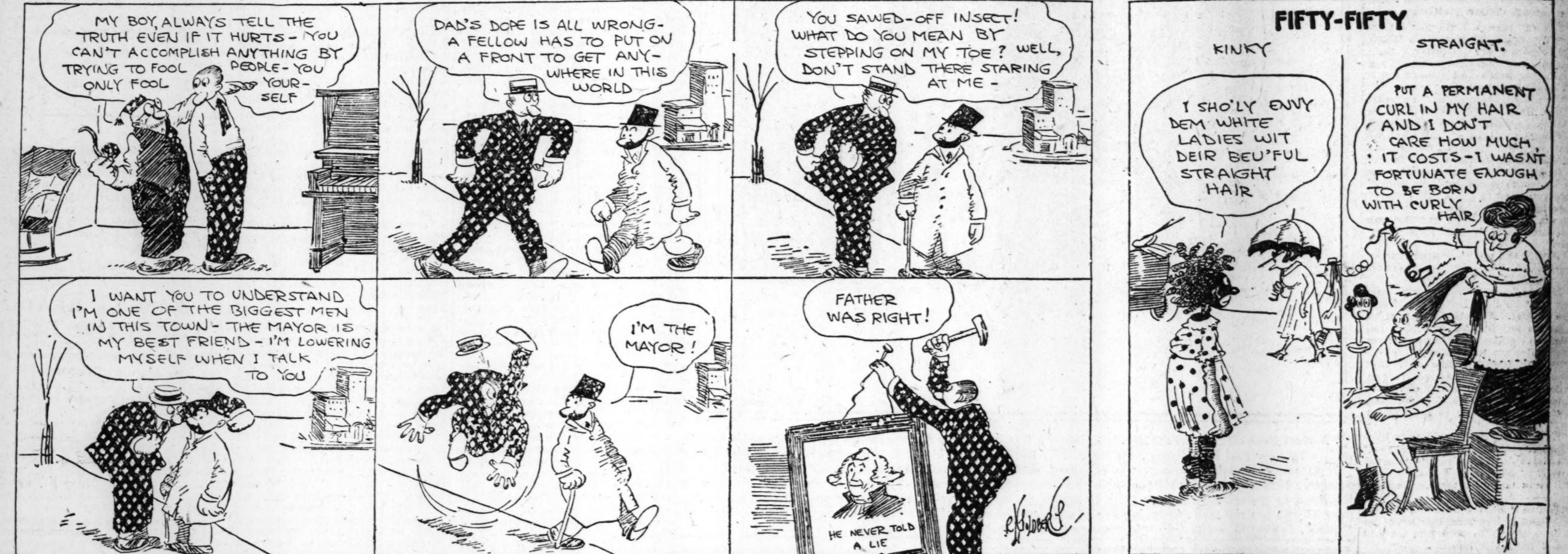
Storage in large piles should be  
avoided, as it is liable to cause heat-  
ing and decay.

Write for Farmers' Bulletins 847  
and 879, United States Department  
of Agriculture, Washington D. C.  
These give full instructions free of  
charge.

## O. U. BRAGGER



FATHER WAS RIGHT--BY GOLDBERG

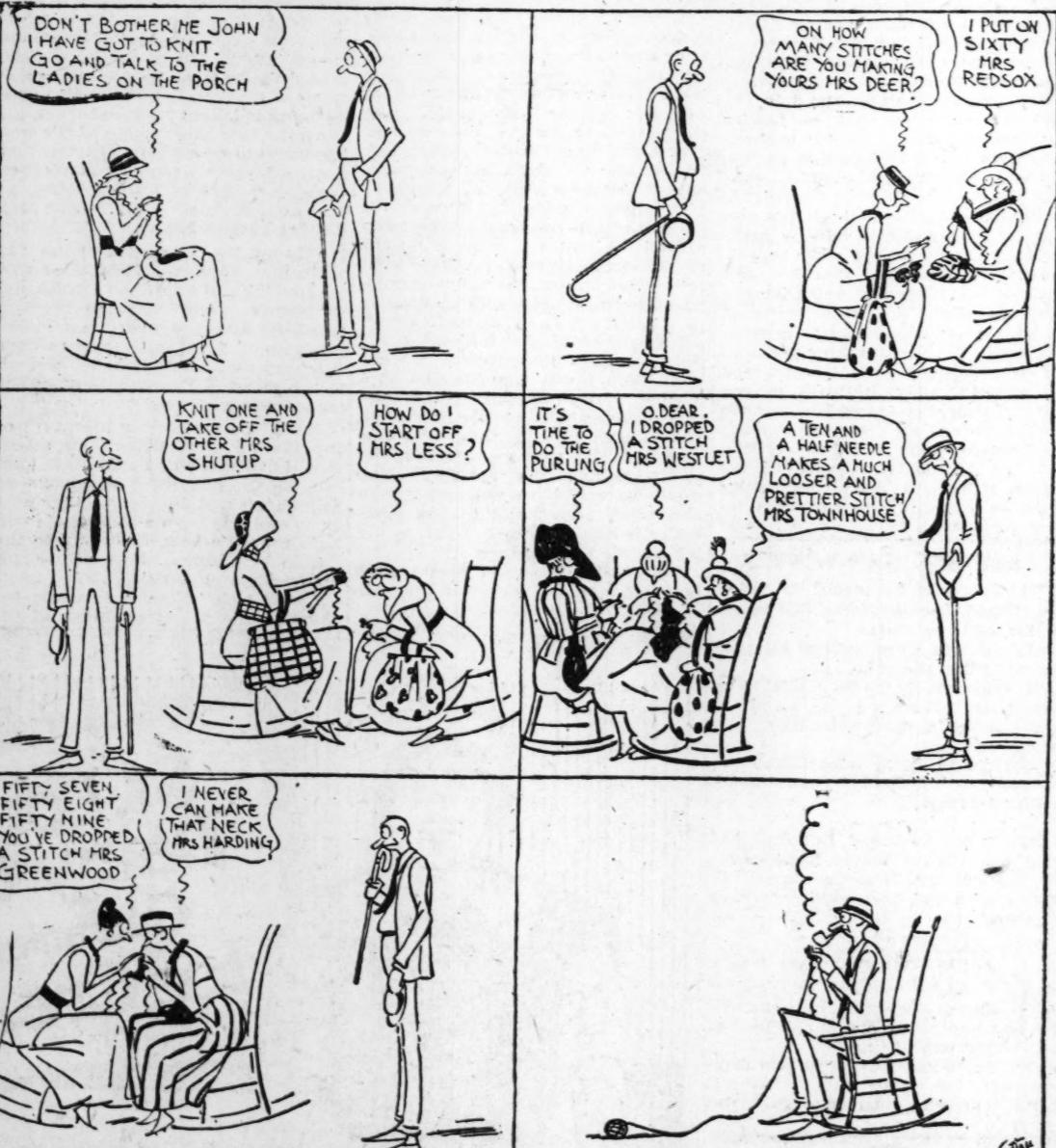


## FIFTY-FIFTY

KINKY STRAIGHT.



## EVERYBODY'S DOING IT--BY KETTEN.

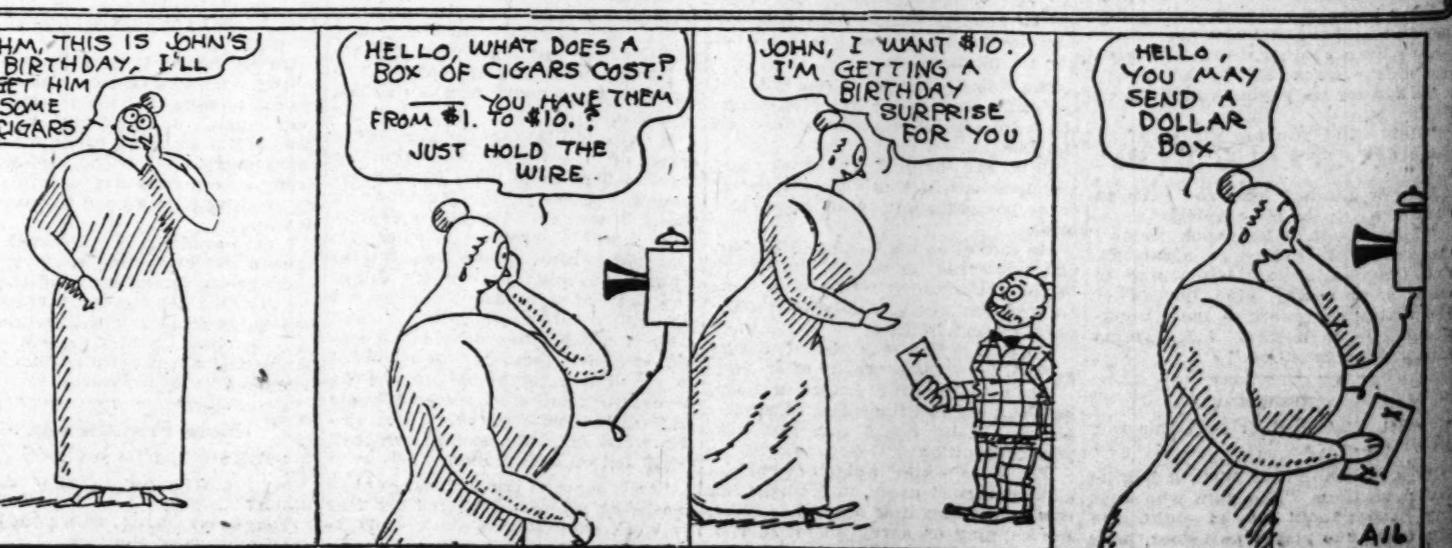


## PENNY ANTE THE AFTERNOON GAME

By Jean Knott



## LET THE WEDDING BELLS RING OUT :: BY JEAN KNOTT



**The Lowest Office.**  
"OSS," said Ras Lightfoot the other day. "I gotta git off tomorrow."  
"Yessah."  
"But I can't spare you very well."  
"I gotta go. It's lodge business."  
"It's the lodge you joined?"  
"Yessah."  
"Why are you so badly needed at the meeting?"  
"Ah am de sublime king."  
"Sublime king?"  
"Yessah."  
"You have been a member of that lodge only two weeks and you tell me you are the sublime king already?"  
"Yessah."  
"How does that come?"  
"You see, sah, in ouah lodge de sublime king am de lowes' office what dey is."

## A Prompt Decision.

**M**R. WILL IRWIN said at a Washington Square tea:

"The more immodest fashions would disappear if men would resolutely oppose them."

"I know a woman whose dresser sent home the other day a skirt that was, really, too short altogether. The woman put it on. It was becoming enough, dear knows, but it made her feel ashamed. She entered the library, and her husband looked up from his work with a dark frown.

"I wonder," she said, with an embarrassed laugh, "if these ultra-short skirts will ever go out?"

"They'll never go out with me," he answered in decided tones."

## EXPLAINED.

**W**HEN something happened to an Erie engine, and the train stopped for some time on the way from Cleveland to Youngstown, not long ago, passengers began to show signs of impatience, according to the Youngstown Telegram. "What's matter?" some one inquired. "Engine broke, and nobody can find any string," another joked. Finally some one hailed the porter. "Say George," he asked, "what's up, anyway?" "Ah don't know, boss," the porter replied. "I don't have to try to find out." "No, sir." "And aren't you going to make any inquiry?" "No, sah." "You don't seem to care much." "Tassah, but Ah ain't gonna find out nohow." "Why not?" "Well, sah, three years ago when Ah was workin' on dis train, we hit a man and Ah ran up ahead to take a look at him." "Yes." "An' fo' 15 days Ah had to be a witness in de C'ot House."

## Made Up.

**P**ATIENCE: She made up her mind to try and win Charlie. Patricia: Her face, too, didn't she?"

## Not to Fight in England.

**R**ECUITING OFFICER: What's the matter with that Westerner?

RECRUIT: He doesn't want to go to the war.

"What excuse does he offer?"

"Says he doesn't understand this blooming English language."

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"An' fo' 15 days Ah had to be a witness in de C'ot House."

"Since then I've been here."

## Circumstantial Evidence.

**I**JUST know," simpered a young matron to a friend, as she gazed out upon the ballroom floor, "I just know that horrid John, the woman is in love with her husband. I know and I think she is the limit."

"Nonsense, Mary," replied the friend. "You are imagining things. Why, your husband has hardly spoken to her this evening excepting as the conventionalities demanded. You're dreaming. Wake up."

"No, I'm not. I know what I'm

heels in love with him."

"How do you know that?"

"Well, she has danced with my husband twice and no woman can do that without being dead in love with him and willing to overlook a great deal. I can't dance with him more than once myself."

## Wise Tommie.

**W**AT are you looking for in the dictionary, Tommie?" asked the parsimonious aunt, finding her little nephew in her house.

"I'm looking for pie, auntie," replied the boy.

"Looking for pie in the dictionary, Tommie?"

"Yes; somebody told me it was the only place in your house it ever could be found."

Sign of Improvement.

**B**ILL: He used to be an actor, you know.

GILL: So I believe.

"Then he became a lecturer."

"Yes."

"Now he's taken up cartoon work."

"Drawing better than ever he dig, I suppose?"